



HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER NEWS COMMUNITY CONNECTION



by Rabbi Kurshan

The Lives They Lived

In recent years the NY Times Sunday Magazine has published a very moving end of the year issue called “The Lives They Lived.” The issue is a tribute to those who have died in the past year. What I like about the issue is that for the most part it is not about the iconic deaths of the year. It is not a greatest hits collection. The stories are those of relatively unknown individuals who made an uncelebrated contribution to the world or to those around them. The tributes are written by friends who have known the individuals and who are able to tell their untold stories.

Each year at our Yom Kippur Yizkor service we remember our family members who have died. In recent years I have also read a list of celebrated individuals who have made the world a little better during their lives in the hope it will inspire us to strive a little higher

in the coming year. I also read the names of congregants who have died in the past year. However, it has always felt to me as if we give these congregants short shrift. We just read their names, but we do not tell their story. Many have made a significant contribution to our synagogue community over the course of their lives and all have an untold story that is deeply meaningful to their families and to those whom their lives touched.

This year we are undertaking a new project, “Tzror HaChayim”—“The Bond of Life”. The project takes its name from the traditional Jewish expression of memorial, “May the soul of the deceased be bound up in the eternal bonds of life.” We will be compiling a booklet of reflections on the lives of those of our congregants who have died in the last three years that will be distributed at services on the Yamim Noraim. We will be asking a non-family member of the congregation designated by the surviving family to write a recollection of their fellow congregants with an emphasis on this individual’s personal qualities and what they contributed to our synagogue community. Our hope is similar to the goals of the broader storytelling project in the congregation which has been publishing interviews with long-time synagogue members to help deepen our sense of community and our knowledge of one another. We also hope through the Tzror HaChayim project specifically to honor the memory of those who gave so much to our community and to their

2015 Tulip Festival in the Park!

It was a picture perfect spring day in Heckscher Park for the Town of Huntington’s **Annual Tulip Festival** which took place on **Sunday, May 3**. HJC took full advantage of this outreach opportunity, participating with a booth and children’s craft. It was great to be part of this community-wide event where hundreds of local families milled about the park and the first of many more to come!

Special thanks to those staff and congregants who stopped by to lend a helping hand.



The Synagogue Never Sleeps

Beginning Shabbat morning, **June 27**, all services during the summer are held in the **Lief Chapel** (except when we daven under the stars on July 3 and August 7). Services begin at **8:00 pm on Friday night** and **9:30 am on Shabbat morning**. We especially appreciate help making the minyan on Friday nights during the summer.

Members of the congregation present Divrei Torah on Shabbat morning and services are more informal than during the rest of the year. Please join us during the summer.

Shabbat Under the Stars

A summertime HJC tradition will continue on **Friday, July 3** and **Friday, August 7** when Shabbat evening services will be held in the back courtyard of the synagogue under the stars. The services have a special beauty as we usher in Shabbat outdoors as the sun sets. Services begin at **8:00 pm** and all are welcome.

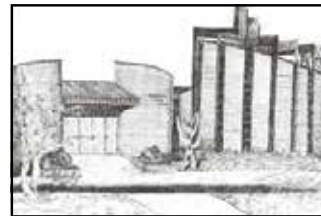
Tisha B'Av Services

Tisha B'Av services will be held on Saturday night, **July 25 at 8:45 pm** in the Lief Chapel. Members of the congregation will chant the Book of Eicha (Lamentations) by candlelight as we commemorate the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragic events in Jewish history. It is customary not to wear leather shoes and to wear comfortable clothes in order to sit on the floor. Candles will be provided but those attending are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

Graduating Seniors Shabbat

Join us **June 6th** to celebrate our graduating high school seniors as they participate in shabbat services.

Kiddush hosted by the families following services



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June 2015 - Sivan/Tammuz

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Newborns in Need Drive JNN 8:30am - Minyan	1	2 Last Day RS	3 2pm - Social Action Committee	4 12:45pm - Professional Staff 7:30pm - Forum: Anti-Semitism	5 Minyannaire Breakfast 6pm - Happy Hour @ Huntington 8pm - Friday Night Services	6 9:30am - Shabbat Services @ 12pm - HS Sr. Shabbat
7 7:30am - Minyan in the Park @	8 7:30pm - Sisterhood installation	9	10 Last day ECC	11 ECC Graduation 6pm - Interfaith Family 8pm - Men's Club Sisterhood	12 Bar Mitzvah 9:30am - Shabbat Services @	13
14 ECC ice Cream Social 7pm - Calendar Meeting	15	16	17	18 8pm - Friday Night Services	19 9:30am - Shabbat Services @ 10am - Schechter Shabbaton	20
21	22	23	24	25 8pm - Friday Night Services	26 9:30am - Shabbat Services @	27
28 HJC Summer Adventure Camp	29	30	1	2	3 8pm - Friday Night Services	4 8:45am - Morning Minyan @ Lief 9:30am - Shabbat Services @

View from the Director's Chair

by Barbara Axmacher



To See and Be Seen

Winter's slumber lasted a little longer than usual this year it seems – the cold weather was slow to yield to the rightful beauty of spring and held many of us hostage right along with it. But things have settled; buds have bloomed, the patio furniture has been cleaned and the BBQ cover is off!

It is interesting how the ebb and flow of our community is echoed in the cadence of seasons. My arrival at HJC in early spring is symbolic of renewal, rebirth and growth. Our participation in the Tulip Festival, the first of many outreach efforts will place us front and center in our community aligned with the many other great organizations this town has to offer. As we become pro-active, it energizes us and we start to connect to others with enthusiasm for the promise of what is to come.

Often times in a social situation, I am greeted with "It's good to see you" and my historic reply is "It's good to be seen." As I slowly start to spread my HJC wings and increase my professional affiliations, I am seeing the benefit of being seen – the network gets larger, the greetings more familiar, relationships blossom over a cup of coffee or a cocktail.

So, if you will, follow my lead. Believe that it is good to see and be seen. I am one, but the congregation is many. I have two eyes, you have two hundred. If you read an article about an off-beat fundraiser another congregation is doing, tell me about it. If you hear of a community outreach event that warrants our presence, send me an email. If you have a program idea, present it. Thank you, it's good to be seen.

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER CENTENNIAL PLAZA AND WALKWAY

In honor of HJC's centennial, our school entrance was beautified with a new brick plaza and walkway. Personalized bricks are a great way to commemorate, honor or remember. Complete the order form below, or you can order online at www.bricksrus.com/order/hjc.

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510 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

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Orders are engraved several times each year and installed when weather permits.

If you have any questions, please call Vicki Perler (516)-364-3919.

Walkway Bricks

Greetings from HJC!

As our HJC community proudly celebrates reaching our 108th year, we invite you to participate in our Centennial Plaza and Walkway project, honoring our families, each other and in support of synagogue programs.

Designed to beautify the plaza at the school entrance, we are excited to announce we are adding new bricks to the walkway so each of us has the opportunity to dedicate personalized, customized bricks that will forever adorn our synagogue property.

Is your child or grandchild graduating from high school or college? Is your mother or father celebrating a memorable birthday? The Centennial Plaza and Walkway symbolizes the meaning HJC has in our lives by honoring loved ones and commemorating cherished

moments. Whether it's a gold or silver anniversary, bar or bat mitzvah, birth, or memorial, these memories can be shared whenever you and your family visit the synagogue.

The brick program is designed to be affordable, accessible and makes the perfect gift! Help preserve the future of the Huntington Jewish Center as your brick and its message will live on for generations to come!

Planning your family's brick (or bricks!) is fun and easy. Be creative as you reflect on the scores of ideas and milestones that can be preserved. For inspiration, visit www.bricksrus.com/brickcreator.

So give someone you love a special gift and together we can continue to build the Centennial Plaza and Walkway to be a place of joy, honor and happiness for all.

Thank you for your support!

HJC Community News



NEW MEMBERS

Scott & Rebecca Cohn of Huntington and their children: Harper, age 4½ and Phoebe, age 1½ .
David & Lisa Pincus of Centerport and their children: Robert, age 3 ½ and Jacob, almost age 2.
Bruce Fox & Sara Watkin-Fox of Plainview and their children: Sandra, age 26 and Harry, age 12.

CONDOLENCES

Joel Sher on the death of his father, Leon Sher.
Sema Stein on the death of her husband, Sam Stein.
Robert Rosen on the death of his father, Meyer Rosen.
Jed Hantverk on the death of his father, Arnold Hantverk.
Myra Marsh on the death of her sister, Shirley Ellner.
Amy & Roger Koreen on the death of their father, Joseph Koreen.



Bar/Bat Mitzvahs



Febe Rothenberg

Daughter of Margie and Stuart Rothenberg

Febe Rothenberg is a seventh grader at Cold Spring Harbor Junior High School. Febe loves to be creative. She takes sewing lessons and is in the Fashion Club where she helps make dresses for the school's Fashion Show. She also likes to make jewelry, sell it, and donate the proceeds to Locks of Love. Febe's fun-loving personality makes others want to be around her, as she has a knack for taking the stress out of difficult situations. It is fun to watch her enjoy life. She also plays the viola in the school's orchestra and is on the softball team. Her mom, dad and sister Lindsey are very proud of her.



Simon Kapen

Son of Amal and Alon Kapen

Simon Kapen is a seventh grade student at Oldfield Middle School where he is on the Principal's honor roll, plays clarinet in the band and is on the OMS Tennis Team. Although Simon may seem quiet -- his friends and family know he has a winning personality and a knack for getting you to see the funny side of things. Simon is passionate about sports: He plays league basketball, baseball, tennis and sails in the summer. He also enjoys Robotics and loves to experience the great outdoors with his Boy Scout troop where Simon just reached the rank of first class. Simon is looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and traveling to Israel with his extended family this summer where he will chant Torah at the Wailing Wall. His mom, dad and brother Caleb are very proud of him.

President's Perspective

by Allison Reiver



It truly is an honor and a pleasure to be addressing you as the next President of the Huntington Jewish Center. My husband Mitch and I have been members of HJC for 20 years, joining when our oldest son, who is now 24, was in the Nursery School. All three of our sons, Andrew, Lee and Dan, attended the HJC nursery school and religious school and celebrated their bar

mitzvahs here. I have served on both the Nursery School Board and the Religious School Board and was chairperson of the Religious School Committee. I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for nine years and on the Executive Committee for five years.

While my "resume" begins to hint at a commitment to HJC, the bond goes much deeper than that. HJC has provided us with many close friends and has taught us by example how to be caring and responsible Jews. We have learned what it means to be part of a community, and the obligations and privileges that go along with that. I personally have grown so much as a Jew due in large part to everything and everyone at HJC. It is now my time to give back.

I look forward to working closely with Rabbi Kurshan, Cantor Gordan, and our Past-Presidents, whose collective experience and wisdom will guide me during the next year. The Executive Committee, consisting of Billy Wertheim, whose Presidential shoes will be very difficult to fill, Vicki Perler, Michelle Stack, Joel Wirchin, Jeff Stark, and Ellen Steinberg, as well as our committed Board of Trustees and wonderful staff, will continue to ensure that HJC remains a vibrant and relevant spiritual home. This is a very exciting and meaningful journey for me and I hope that you will all accompany me on it. Our greatest and most valuable asset is the people who make up the HJC community. I feel extraordinarily blessed to have the opportunity to work with everyone in that community to make HJC the very best it can be.



Sisterhood News

by Evelyn Silverberg

Women's League and Torah Fund

All contributions to the Torah Fund are used to fund specific projects or towards scholarships at the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles) and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem). Please contact Vicki Rosen or Ethel Sachs to make a donation. **Our Woman of Achievement, Arlene Steinberg** will be honored on **June 3, 2015** at the **BQLI Awards & Dinner Gala** at Temple Israel in Great Neck. Thank You

Thank You to the Sisterhood Board for their time and support. I also want to thank the HJC Community for attending this year's Sisterhood Events and Fundraisers. This past year's events included 2 Book Discussions, Fall and Spring Rummage Sales, Jewelry and Head Covering Making, A Taste of Passover and the Conversion Program. The Collegian Committee sent Holiday Gifts to 40 students in the US and abroad. Sisterhood sponsored the baking of Hamentashen and the distribution of Purim Baskets for the Congregation and for residents at Gurwin. Sisterhood co-sponsored the Hanukkah Happening, and worked with the Israel Committee to present the movie, *Beneath the Helmet* and the Religious School for Holiday Events and Mitzvah Day.

Upcoming Events

June 3rd – Woman of Achievement Awards & Dinner Gala – 5:45 PM Temple Israel Great Neck

June 8th – Board Meeting and Installation

June 12th – Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

Gift Shop – Please remember the Sisterhood Gift Shop for your holiday and gift needs.





Shir Chicago

by Hazzan Israel Gordan



Every year, I look forward to not only attending the annual Cantors Assembly convention, but also to writing about it upon my return. This year, the convention took place from Sunday, May 3rd to Thursday May 7th at the Westin O'Hare right outside of Chicago, IL. Although I only attended from Tuesday morning until Wednesday evening, it was time well spent and I'm happy to share those experiences with you.

I arrived just in time for the second half of the Annual Meeting where, among other agenda items, they recognize cantors who have spent a

certain number of hours per year engaged in continuing education. While these endeavors include such items as voice lessons or guitar lessons, or Hebrew study or text study, they also include other conventions, musical and otherwise, Jewish and not, that many people find highly important and relevant. This year, I have been involved with initiatives through the Jewish Education Project, USCJ, the Cantors Assembly, and other organizations that have been beneficial to me and the work I do in regards to congregational life and reaching out to young families, interfaith, and the unaffiliated.

After the meeting, I attended a session on Youth and Teen choirs and heard from three cantors at different congregations on their work in this area. It was great to not only hear what and how they do what they do, but also their excitement in sharing their successes and challenges with others. The benefits of using music to engage not only children, but their parents as well are very clear. Also, each day before lunch is a solo recital where a cantor will give a vocal recital for less than 45 minutes. The amount of talent is nothing short of astounding as different people share repertoire that covers hazzanut, Yiddish art songs, opera, Broadway, and other genres.

After lunch and a short memorial service for cantors who had passed away in the previous year, I attended a great presentation for a forthcoming publication from the CA called "Ruach HaDaron" or "Spirit of the South," which is a collection of congregational melodies from South America. This was a concert featuring several different cantors each performing one piece from the collection and showcased a great diversity of music from Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, and Jewish communities from other countries in South America.

After that, the annual Rosenbaum award was presented to Lawrence Avery and that was followed by the annual Rosenbaum lecture, which this year was given by Ben Sidran. Mr. Sidran is a world-renowned jazz pianist, producer and writer, and he spoke about the social history of Jewish contributions to American popular music in the twentieth century. We all received his book, "There Was a Fire: Jews, Music, and the American Dream." Unfortunately, I wasn't feeling well and went to sleep early that night so I missed the evening's program and concert, but was refreshed for the next day of the conference.

Wednesday began with a session on LGBTQIAP and Judaism followed by a session on a Caribbean Style Torah Service by the Cantor from Curacao. There was another recital before lunch, followed by some free time in the city. I had to leave early to return home so I missed the program and concert that night as well, but overall, a fantastic trip, conference, and time in the city. I'm excited to share and put to practice what I've learned with everyone!

Religious School Update

by Maxine Fisher

Religious School Administrator

It's hard to believe that the school year is over! It was a very good year for the children.

They learned the alef Bet (with Morah Stacey and Morah Hana). Morah Hana in our Bet class has the students reading and speaking a little conversational Hebrew. Amazing!

All classes learned about the holidays, Israel and bible. They worked a lot with our computers which have programs that help them with their Hebrew.

We had a great Mitzvah Day, a Yom Hashoah Program, Hannukah Happening Purim Carnival and a trip for the younger grades to the Discovery Museum at the JCC.

The Gimel and Daled class led the Friday evening service.

The Hey class learned HafTorah Trope and the Vav Class learned Torah Trope and they led the Shabbat morning service.

Every year United Synagogue holds the Keter Torah awards ceremony for those students who have achieved the Judaic Scholar award four out of five years. This year we are proud to announce that we have 4 students who have achieved this award. They are **Alex Bram, Jared Buchholtz, Ilan Messing and Faith Zimmerman**. We are also honoring **Lauren Chait** as our Akiba award recipient. The Akiba Award goes to a student who shows Menschlikeit. Yasher Yoach to you all!!

Getting ready for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The first day of school will be **Tuesday, September 8th** so please mark your calendars.

I want to thank all of our wonderful teachers and teacher's aides for giving our children an amazing year.

I hope everyone has a restful summer.

Maxine



Keter Torah award winners.

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6:30-9:00 pm

Wine and Painting at Claytime!
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June
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Huntington Yacht Club

4:30-7:30pm

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June
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6:00-8:00pm

FAMILY BBQ at the
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Kindly RSVP to
Janis Solotoff at Justjayj@hotmail.com or 516-316-9566

Thank You

It is indeed heartwarming to continue to receive the multitude of expressions of sympathy from congregants, children, and others which my son, Seth Popkin, who now resides in Maryland, and I are still receiving in memory of our beloved son, Barry, and even my husband, Paul, who passed away only a few months ago.

Once again, we ask your forgiveness for not acknowledging each one personally.

Please know that we are ever so grateful and will always remember your thoughtfulness and generosity. May the coming year bring answers to the prayers of all of us. Thank you again so much!

Mitzi Popkin

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families during their lives.

Mark and Janet Zimmerman are coordinating this project, and have been in touch with all the families who have mourned the death of a family member in the past three years who was also a congregant at HJC. The choice of three years is somewhat arbitrary, and was determined by how large a project we felt we could undertake this first year. If the project proves meaningful, we can expand it in the years ahead. To date most families have been very appreciative of us reaching out to them about this project, but, of course, we are allowing for families to choose not to participate.

I am writing this column a day after the death of our congregant, Joseph Koreen. His life took him from his childhood in Bagdad to Beirut where he attended college and medical school, to Canada where he met his wife, and ultimately to Huntington. So many of us will always remember the distinctive Sephardic chant with which he read Torah each Shabbat morning and how he led us for more than forty years in the Al Nora Alila as Yom Kippur drew to a close. Yosef's story is one of so many stories of individuals who have given of their distinctive voices and lives to our congregation.

We hope that through the reading of these stories and recollections over the coming holidays that we will be reminded of the importance of community and how the lives of each of us are touched by so many others in our synagogue community. May this project help to ensure that the souls of our departed congregants will be bound up in the bond of life eternal.

Jewish Life On Campus

Come hear what to expect

For: High School Juniors & Seniors.

When: Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Huntington Jewish Center
510 Park Avenue
Huntington, NY

Open to the Entire Community. Parents are Welcome.

Please join us as we hear from Martin Yafe, an Israel educator who has spent his entire life active in the Jewish community. This new program focuses on engaging and empowering high school juniors and seniors before they get to the college campus. This is an opportunity for high school students to talk openly about their hopes (and sometimes fears) about the college campus vis a vis Jewish life and Israel and learn about what is really happening on campus.

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Refreshments will be served.

CAUMSETT MINYAN IN THE PARK -

The annual **Caumsett Park Minyan** will be held on **Sunday, June 7 in Lloyd Neck**. This uniquely inspiring service is held at the Long Island Sound overlook behind the Science Center, one of the most beautiful spots on Long Island. Meet at the Park entrance at **7:30 am** with bicycles or walking shoes since the location of our service is a mile into the park. Congregants who want auto transportation from the Park entrance or who need directions are asked to call the HJC office in advance.

Breakfast in the park sponsored by Lester Fox will follow the service.

Early Childhood News

by Ilene Brown



ECC's First Annual Grandparent's/Special Relative's Day

"Grandparents make the world...a little softer, a little kinder, a little warmer."

-Author Unknown

We had the very first Grandparent's/Special Relative's Day on April 24th.

We invited all grandparents and/or special relatives to enjoy an afternoon bonding with their grandchildren. The children prepared for this happening by learning the Hebrew words for grandmother and grandfather with Cantor Gordan during music. This event was the most heartwarming and inspiring experience. It was so WONDERFUL! The grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. spent time connecting with the children in their classrooms. They were building towers, making handprints, painting, reading, and interviewing one another. The afternoon closed with each class performing a few songs for their grandparents. Honestly, it brought tears to my eyes (happy tears). I was truly elated that so many family members were able to come. It was so evident that these children are absolutely enamored with their grandparents, and they were overjoyed to have their grandparents/special relatives visit them in school.



Spotlight on...

*The Huntington Jewish Center is embarking on a new project that we hope you will embrace. The Storytelling Project is designed to give everyone in our congregation an opportunity to share his or her personal story. For more information or to get involved, please contact: **Nancy Cooper: 516-356-7109** or email: nancyberlow@gmail.com*



**Seymour
and Beverly
Schpoont**

Seymour (better known as Sy) and Beverly Schpoont made their way to Huntington via New Jersey and Illinois. Sy grew up in Jersey City in a family which attended both the Orthodox and the Reform Synagogues there. Each service spoke to his family in a different way and Seymour was comfortable in both. His father was a passionate Zionist. Beverly grew up attending The Washington Avenue Reform Synagogue in Oak Park, near Chicago.

They met in Chicago, while Seymour was studying for his PH.D. in psychology. They were introduced by his boss, the chief psychologist, who was a friend of Beverly's family. After they were married, Beverly earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois and Sy received his Ph.D.

Sy took a job in New Jersey, but a career opportunity brought them to Huntington when Seymour became the first school psychologist in the Huntington School district and was given the opportunity to start a new department. He continued to work for the school district for the rest of his professional life. Sy became Executive Director of the district's Pupil Services and Special Education. He supervised a staff of six psychologists, two social workers, along with both physical and occupational therapists. Additionally, he had an active private practice and served as the President of the Suffolk County Psychological Association and President of the Mental Health Association of Suffolk County.

The Schpoonts knew no one on Long Island when they first arrived, but luckily they were invited to a party at a colleague's house; Dr. Loron Simon who was a member of HJC. Many of the guests were members of HJC which convinced them this was a synagogue worth "checking out". That was almost sixty years ago.

The synagogue became a central part of the Schpoonts' lives both socially and spiritually. Sy was a member of the Board for three terms. He was President of the Chai club for over ten years. The Chai club filled many needs of retired members and Sy hopes it can be revitalized. He feels it is important for the synagogue to offer different and varied activities that appeal to members. He fondly remembers Saturday night dances, and when the synagogue held a second seder. Beverly studied with Rabbi Kurshan and fulfilled a long time wish to become a Bat Mitzvah. Both their children, Sandra and Robert, went to HJC Hebrew school and also became B'nai Mitzvah. Everyone in the family made lifelong friends at HJC.

Seymour feels that he has had a happy life. He is proud of his career, his marriage, his children and his grandchildren. The last year has been difficult for him since Beverly passed away last autumn. He attends services on Shabbat and finds it comforting. Sy particularly enjoys weekly meetings with a bible group organized by Dr. Al Kramer fifteen years ago, and taught by Lester Fox.

Seymour enjoys reading, and spending time with friends and family. He and Beverly travelled extensively and Sy will continue to spend the winter in California, where he attends the senior division of the University of California, San Diego. It is important to him to stay engaged and involved in the world. He and Beverly made two trips to Israel to visit relatives and Sy would like to go again.

When asked what Bracha he finds particularly meaningful, Sy spoke about Song of Songs: "Lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth: the time of singing is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land". Sy feels that this passage inspires us to realize there is continual renewal and hope in this world.

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On Sunday evening, **April 26th**, a wonderful crowd of over 125 congregants and guests attended HJC's special screening of **Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Homefront**, the thought-provoking Jerusalem U documentary which chronicles the life of 5 young Israeli soldiers.

This well received presentation, co-sponsored by the Israel Committee, Sisterhood and JCRC, was in celebration of Yom H'Atzmaut. David Newman of JCRC led a lively Q & A session after the film with a guest appearance by Andrew Hirsch, a former IDF soldier representing the Lone Soldier Center.

Be on the lookout for more exciting programming coming this fall courtesy of the Israel Committee!

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